

MUCH MYSTERY IN THESE MURDERS.

Three Tragedies Yesterday for Police Here and Nearby.

Boy Slain with Pocket Knife, and Two of His Companions Arrested.

CONEY ISLAND CRIME.

Man's Nude Body, with Throat Cut, Found in Creek by Boatmen.

ANOTHER KILLED AND ROBBED.

Cultured Appearing Man Found Unconscious at Glenwood Fatally Kicked in the Abdomen.

Three murders, two of them mysterious, became known to the police of Greater New York and vicinity yesterday. The dead body of William Drobney, a Somerville, N. J., young man, was found near the Lehigh Valley Railroad station at Bound Brook with his throat cut. Two boys with whom he had been drinking have been arrested, but no motive can yet be found.

The nude body of an unknown man, supposed a laborer, with throat cut and skull crushed, was found by two boatmen in Coney Island Creek. There is no clue even to the man's identity.

A cultured looking man, who had been robbed and kicked in the abdomen, was picked up near the Hudson River Railroad tracks at Glenwood, and died in St. John's Hospital without regaining consciousness.

MURDERED WITH A POCKET KNIFE.

William Drobney Found Dead and His Two Boy Companions Arrested.

Bound Brook, N. J., Oct. 16.—William Drobney, a young man of Somerville, was found murdered early this morning on the road leading to New Brunswick, along the river, about three hundred yards east of the Lehigh Valley Railroad station.

His throat was cut. His hat was found in the bushes nearby, and a common pocket knife, blood stained, was picked up by the police one hundred feet from where the body was found.

Two boys, Joe Spencer and Warren Streeter, of Somerville, who were last seen in Drobney's company, are in jail at Somerville charged with knowledge of the murder.

Edward Smalley, who drives the trolley stage, left here early this morning to go over to Frank Mulvey's Port Reading Hotel, just across the line, in Middlesex County. As Smalley approached the arch bridge near the country line he stumbled over Drobney's dead body. He hurried on to Mulvey's, who wired to the county authorities in Somerville, telling them of the murder and also that the two boys were lying in a drunken sleep in the Central Railroad depot, their clothes blood stained. Policemen Sebring handcuffed them as they slept and took them to Somerville.

The police say the pocket knife picked up belongs to the boys, and that they are not other weapons on the body except the one in the neck, which severed the jugular vein.

Mulvey told the police that Drobney, Spencer and Streeter were all at his hotel last night and left there at about 11 o'clock. They were sober at that time, and had not quarrelled. There is no known motive for the crime. Drobney, so far as is known, had little money with him. He and the two boys were arrested last night for a long time.

The boys in jail refuse to say anything, but it is thought they are breaking down. The county officers are waiting to see whether they have the right to investigate the murder or whether it is the duty of the Middlesex County authorities. There is but little doubt, however, that the murdered man received his death blow in Middlesex County and then staggered or was carried about one hundred feet over the line into Somerset, where his body was found.

A story was circulated this evening that young Streeter had confessed to having had a quarrel with Drobney and having struck him because he knocked off Streeter's hat, and that no knife was used. This story could not be verified.

THIS MAN KILLED FOR HIS MONEY.

Fatally Kicked in the Abdomen and His Pockets Rifled of Contents.

The body of an unknown man, of medium height, apparently about fifty years old and of a cultured appearance, is in the hands of the New York Morgue awaiting identification, which may prove the means of solving what now looks like a mystery.

The man was picked up unconscious by three men, named Edward Lundegan, Aaron Grundstad and John Vinton, all residents of Yonkers, near the Hudson River Railroad tracks, a short distance from Glenwood, yesterday morning. They carried him to the Yonkers station, from whence he was conveyed to St. John's Hospital in an ambulance. Shortly after the patient's arrival at the hospital he died.

An examination of the body told the police to believe that the man met with foul play, and the theory of his having been struck by a train as a sequence to his death was dispelled by the nature of his injuries, which consisted of a badly bruised abdomen, such as would be the result of a man having been kicked by an assailant.

Moreover, the latter belief was made more firm in the minds of the authorities by the fact that not a single thing could be found about the person of the man, and his pockets had evidently been searched, as if they were turned inside out. The man's clothing was of good quality, and from his appearance he would be taken for a man engaged in mercantile pursuits.

Coroner Miles and the police were hard at work all day, but no one could give any information concerning the man. A number of people called at the Morgue to view the body, but no one could identify it. The place where the body was found was in the vicinity of the freight yards.

The police are inclined to believe that the man was a resident of some point up the road, and was making his way home when he was killed.



American Stage Folk Who Object to the English Tax Law.

Edna May and Phyllis Rankin, of "The Belle of New York" company, now appearing in London, entered a protest at the American Embassy when the British tax gatherers demanded three per cent of their year's salary, but were told they must pay. Indignation meetings were held, and some threatened to return to America unless their managers would pay the tax.

QUEEN'S TAX JARS ON CHORUS GIRLS.

Casino Singers Upset by the English "Rake Off" on Salaries.

CONEY ISLE CRIME.

Unknown Man's Mutilated Body Found by Two Boatmen While Crabbing.

The nude body of an unknown man, with his throat cut from ear to ear and his skull crushed in, was found in the Coney Island Creek last night by James and Harry Warr, who were returning in a rowboat to Van Stien after a crabbing expedition.

The body is decomposed and almost beyond identification. It had been in the water, the police assert, four or five days. It appeared to be that of an Italian of middle age. The hands were calloused and sunburned, indicating that they had done much hard work. A long rope was tied around the body directly below the arms.

The man might have been a bricklayer, as there was brick dust under his finger nails. The motive for the murder for murder it probably was—and the identity of the murderers is a mystery which the police say will be difficult to solve.

It does not seem possible that the body could have been in Coney Island Creek more than twenty-four hours without being discovered. The creek is narrow and much frequented by crabbers. It is a sort of little channel running from Sheephead Bay to Gravesend Bay.

During a high tide the body could have been carried from either of the bays into the creek. It was discovered within a stone's throw of the Gravesend avenue bridge, which is much used by people afoot and on wheels.

In the night, however, the bridge is deserted. The nearest house is half a mile away. After dark one man could easily have thrown the body from the bridge.

TRIED TO KILL HIS FORMER RIVAL.

Bridegroom Celebrated His Wedding Day by Stabbing the Man He Hated.

James Mino, of Summit avenue, West Hoboken, was married to Marie Nicolette on Saturday afternoon, and a few hours later he celebrated the event by stabbing Charles Mercandino, a former admirer of the bride.

The two men met at Bracco's saloon, in Hoboken street, where Mino had gone with a party of friends for the purpose of taking a party drink with them before starting on his wedding journey. No one seems to know how the quarrel started, but Mino suddenly drew a knife and stabbed Mercandino seven times. Four times in the back, twice in the chest and once in the head.

Dr. White was summoned and he decided that Mercandino was probably fatally injured. Mino was arrested and is held without bail to await the result of Mercandino's injuries.

NEW CASES OF YELLOW FEVER.

Washington, Oct. 16.—The Marine Hospital Service to-night received the following reports on yellow fever: Franklin, La., new cases, 22; no deaths. Ridgeport, Miss., 1 new case; Matthewsburg, Miss., 1 new case; Oxford, Miss., 1 new case; Satchee, Miss., 3 new cases; Queen Hill, Miss., 1 new case; 1 death; Taylor's, Miss., 1 new case; Jackson, Miss., 7 new cases.

A Day's Chapter of Accidents.

Christian Mear, fifty-seven, of Lehigh's Lane, Canaan, while driving yesterday on Rockaway avenue was struck by a trolley car No. 780, of the Nassau Electric Road, and thrown to the street at Riverside avenue. He received a fractured rib and contusion of neck and back.

Thomas Sullivan, of Malbone street and East New York avenue, was struck yesterday by a Brooklyn trolley car on Flatbush avenue. He was thrown from the car and sustained a fractured ankle. He was driving a wagon.

Twenty-year-old Edward Dunkerton, of No. 15 Butler street, while riding yesterday afternoon on a trolley car on Flatbush avenue, fell from his seat and fractured his skull. He died in the hospital.

Patrick Dunlop, fifty-two, a street sweeper, of No. 48 Park place, Brooklyn, died in the St. John's Hospital yesterday of a fractured skull. George Water, a dayman, and Patrick Lyons, a farmer, of Lawrence, N. J., who are accused of running over him, say the man was badly frightened and fell.

Nathaniel Newell, twenty-nine, of No. 80 Schenck street, was thrown from his bicycle on Third avenue, near Degraw, yesterday afternoon. His neck was dislocated and his head was badly bruised.

Captain Walter Webb, of Cherry Hill, a retired Hackensack river pilot, was found unconscious on the New Jersey & New York Railroad track near his home early yesterday morning by James Durack, a section boss. Webb had been struck by the midnight train. He died in the Hackensack Hospital.

Salvatore Dececco, nineteen, of No. 250 West Broadway, was arrested in Jamaica yesterday for running down with his bicycle Mrs. Catherine Dececco, his mother. Mrs. Dececco, who was badly injured, was taken to St. John's Hospital. She lives at No. 925 Broadway street, Brooklyn.

THIEF BOLTS INTO SHERRY'S.

Diners in the Restaurant Disturbed by the Entrance of Negro Fugitive.

John Madison, a negro, bolted into Sherry's restaurant Saturday night to escape from several persons who were pursuing him after he had stolen a cloak and hat belonging to Miss Louise Delors, of No. 122 Stuyvesant street, Brooklyn.

Miss Delors is employed in a dressmaker's shop in West Fifth street. In some way Madison gained access to the house, and he was arrested. Madison, who was dressed in a cloak and hat, was taken to the police station.

The noise and excitement startled the diners, several of whom rose from the tables. Servants at the doorway stopped the fugitive, and he was arrested. Madison, who was dressed in a cloak and hat, was taken to the police station.

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STRONG FIGHTERS FOR YANKEE NAVY.

Forty-nine Vessels of War Building or to Be Built.

EIGHT ARE BATTLE SHIPS.

Four Are Monitors and Thirty-six Are Destroyers or Torpedo Boats.

Washington, Oct. 16.—According to Chief Constructor Hiebhorn, within three years the American navy will almost equal that of Italy in fighting strength. To substantiate this statement, the Chief Constructor presents figures.

Although some of the vessels are not actually laid, provisions have been made by the department to add to the navy eight first-class battle ships of the highest power and speed obtainable for ships of their displacement; four coast defense monitors; thirty-six torpedo boat destroyers and torpedo boats; several tugs and smaller types of vessels, besides a practice ship and the cruiser Albany, a sister ship of the New Orleans, now being built abroad.

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The chief object was to ascertain whether the bullet bore any marks to indicate that it had glanced off a rock before striking Canova. Such marks were found.

Warden James T. Tooker, of Perth Amboy, said he had fired ten feet wide of the boy and only for the purpose of frightening him. The statement Tooker made to Dr. Cyrus L. Townsend.

Tooker's second story, told at Police Headquarters, was that Canova first leveled his gun at him, and that he drew his revolver and fired in self-defense. It was a question of which could fire first.

The outcome of the inquest at the Court House to-morrow night is awaited with interest.

Canova, the young Italian boy who was with Canova when the shooting occurred, told Dr. Townsend through an interpreter that Tooker was intoxicated when he shot Canova.

The case may have some effect on the present game laws. The game wardens now wear no uniform.

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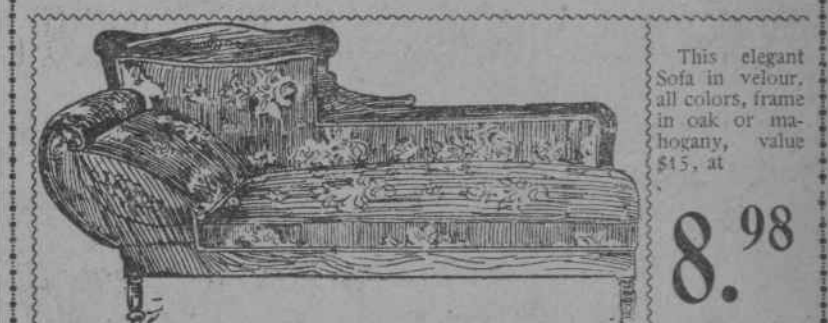
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HON. JAMES R. EUSTIS WILL PRESIDE. The following eminent speakers will address the assemblies on this occasion:

Hon. John B. Stanchfield, of Chicago. Hon. John T. Carmody, of Penn. Ave. Hon. James K. McGuire, of Syracuse. Hon. Perry Belmont, of New York. Hon. Thomas F. Grady, of New York. Hon. William H. Page, Jr., of New York. Hon. John W. Keller, of New York. Hon. George B. McClellan, of New York. Hon. James A. O'Grady, of New York. Hon. T. C. O'Sullivan, of New York. Hon. B. S. Weeks, of New York. Hon. Albert F. Jenks, of New York. John M. Quinn, Kan.

And many others.

WILLIAM SULZER, Chairman County Convention.

AUGUSTUS W. PETERS, Chairman General Committee.

THOMAS S. RENNAN, Chairman Committee on Ratifications.

THOMAS F. SMITH, Secretary.

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